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Sir:


Attached hereto is a copy of a Japanese Official Action dated November 27, 2001, along with Form PTO-1449 and copies of the two cited references listed therein. Also enclosed is a copy of U.S.P. 6,117,014 which corresponds to Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 11-151382 cited in the Japanese Office Action of November 27, 2001.

The cited Japanese reference "Hyper Olympic Games in Nagano Official Guide" article (pages 96 to 99) is in a foreign language. However, a concise explanation is not required because this non-English citation was cited in a search report by a Japanese Patent Office. In such a situation, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance is satisfied by submitting an English language version of the search report. Such English language version of the search report is enclosed herewith. (See MPEP, Section 609A(3), pages 600-100 and 600-101, Rev. 1, Feb. 2000). Accordingly, a concise explanation relating to this non-English citation is not required.

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